

City of Crescent Springs
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
March 27, 2023 - 6:00 pm

The regular meeting of the Crescent Springs City Council was called to order by Mayor Mike Daugherty at 6:01pm. Mike Daugherty began the meeting with a prayer followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Roll call showed the following council members present – Jeannine Bell Smith, Brian Barclay, Mark Wurtenberger, Don Kiely, Bill Schult and Carol McGowan. Also present were City Clerk April Robinson, City Administrator Mike Daly and City Attorney Mike Baker.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

March 13, 2023 Special Meeting Minutes

Carol McGowan made a motion to approve the minutes of the **March 13, 2023 Special Council Meeting.** **Brian Barclay** seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken.

Jeannine Bell Smith	Yes
Brian Barclay	Yes
Mark Wurtenberger	Yes
Don Kiely	Yes
Bill Schult	Yes
Carol McGowan	Yes

Motion passed 6-0.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Daugherty stated the Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday at 1pm at the park.

FIRE AUTHORITY REPORT

The February Fire Authority report was distributed to council. Chief Wendt reported the following:
101 squad calls, 194 TYD
37 fire calls, 106 YTD

The department has received two grants from the State of Kentucky. One grant was for battery operated rescue tools (\$30,000) and the other for a gas meter.

An ambulance is scheduled to be replaced in three years but it will need to be ordered soon due to the delay in receiving new vehicles. A committee will be formed in order to determine the specifications for the new ambulance. The cost for replacement at this time is around \$375,000. No payment is made until the chassis is purchased.

POLICE REPORT

The February Police report was distributed to council. Chief Matt Hall reported the following:
There were 1460 calls for service in February
85 citations
17 total crimes
25 Collisions

29 Courtesy Notices
27 hours of overtime for the month, the 12 hours for court

Officers Black and Brockman have completed their breath test recertification.
The department will be back to full staff next Monday when the 15th officer will be sworn in.
Two new cars were ordered last March. Delivery time is twelve to thirteen months for police cruisers.
The evidence room is being revamped. Sgt. Black is the new property officer and he is preparing the evidence room for reaccreditation.

CITY ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

Eubanks Road Repairs

Plans for a drilled shaft wall to stabilize 68 feet of the roadway in the area of 742 Eubanks Road.
For this project, to construct 68 feet of drilled shaft retaining wall per the project design plans.
the probable construction cost is \$70,000 to \$75,000. This cost includes a 10 percent contingency.
The cost does not include the cost of engineering design, bidding, traffic control and construction review and materials testing during construction

Media Ideas for Council/Caucus Meetings

Life Eyes Media - The cost for Life Eyes Media to film AND stream the meetings is \$278.75 (\$94 to stream FB) per meeting. Life Eyes Media can then provide us with the video which can be uploaded to YouTube to viewed on the City Website. Total for filming and streaming 24 meetings is \$6690.00.

YouTube idea - Receive the disc from Life Eyes Media when finished a meeting and then April can upload the video onto YouTube on our city website.

SimpTech Solutions - Waiting on a quote for installing a camera system in the Council Room for Council/Caucus meetings from Jacob Nichols, Field Operations Manager with SimpTech Solutions. Was supposed to have received the quote last week but have not heard anything back from Jacob. I sent a follow-up email to Jacob today.

The Kenton County Veterans Memorial Armed Forces 5K run/Walk will be held on May 20th at the Lou Hartfiel Memorial Park. The run will take place from 7:00am to around 10:00am. Proceeds to benefit the Kenton County Veterans Memorial. The Memorial honors the service men and women, who lost their lives in World War I, World War II, the Korean Conflict, the Vietnam War, the Desert Storm War and the Wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. The City Park will be closed to thru vehicle traffic starting on Friday, May 19th at 4:30pm until the 5K event is over.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Public Works continued all typical weekly maintenance for the park, roads, signs and City Building.

The decorative signs have been completed in the crossings and in the old crescent springs area, the next location will be Hazelwood area.

Working with April on the Cherry Street emergency MRA grant.

The City had the current playground inspected by Terry Wilkerson, Executive Director, Kentucky Recreation and Parks Society. April and I have been working on the grant for an upgrade of the playground.

Spring is here and the park will be open April 1st. Dennis will be returning on the weekends to maintenance the park restrooms. The Public Works team has and will be doing upgrades and maintenance such as shelter repairs, lawn care and landscaping.

Richard and Tonya attended the KLC Risk and Safety Conference this month. The department has two new seasonal employees. Maria Hopkins and Tony Peeler will begin April 3rd.

OLD BUSINESS

Attorney Mike Baker conducted the second reading of **Ordinance 2023 – 3** WHEREBY THE CITY’S CODE OF ORDINANCES IS AMENDED TO REFLECT THAT THE CITY COUNCIL SHALL CONDUCT A CAUCUS ON THE SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH BEGINNING AT 6:00PM PREVAILING TIME

Jeannine Bell Smith made a motion to approve **Ordinance 2023-3**. There was no second to the motion. Ordinance 2023-3 did not pass due to lack of a second.

Discussion: Buttermilk Storage Expansion Proposal

There was discussion regarding the Buttermilk Storage Facility’s request for the city to vacate a section of High Street. The business has proposed to regrade the area in order to make it usable and then have the City vacate it to them.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CVFA Meeting

Brian Barclay discussed fire hose inspections. Inspecting hoses is a growing safety risk due to fireman having been injured during inspections. The cost to outsource the inspection of fire hoses is \$5000 per year and they are inspected in one day.

The Fire Department has three checking accounts. Two are with Truist and there is \$100,000 in each. The KLC account (loan for building) is returning a higher rate than anticipated. The gains can only be used to fund fire house project. The department would like to use the money in the Truist accounts instead of the KLC account in order build on the high interest rate. Unused funds are to be returned to the cities.

GUESTS

Jeff Smith from Harris asked Mr. Daly if anyone was addressing the issue of the detention pond behind Panera. Mike Daly stated he had met with SD1 and they are still looking into the issue. Mr. Smith stated a new ambulance was \$375,000 and inquired as to the cost of the last one that was purchased. Mayor Mike Daugherty said that he didn’t have the exact number but a ballpark cost was \$270,000.

ADJOURNMENT

Brian Barclay made a motion to adjourn. **Bill Schult** seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15pm.

ATTESTED BY:

April C. Robinson

April C. Robinson, Clerk/Treasurer

Mike Daugherty

Mike Daugherty, Mayor

Approved: April 24, 2023